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14. — *Letters to the People on Health and Happiness.* By CATHARINE E. BEECHER. New York : Harper and Brothers. 1855. pp. 192, 29.

THE *perfervidum ingenium* of the Beecher family renders it hardly necessary that its members should prefix their names to their books. We certainly could have guessed the parentage of this had it been anonymous. It relates mainly to the prevalence of what, by a Hibernianism almost Anglicized, we are wont to term "ill health" among American women, its causes, its concomitant evils, its ominous import for coming generations, and its remedies. We cannot but trust that Miss Beecher unconsciously exaggerates the evils she laments and deprecates ; for, as an invalid, and as an *habituée* of divers hydropathic and other sanitary establishments, she must, within the last few years, have been in peculiarly intimate conversance with what of disease and infirmity exists. But if a tithe of her estimate on this head does not exceed the truth, — nay, if the facts within her own personal knowledge on which she grounds her inductions are not overstated, (and we cannot for a moment believe that they are,) — it is time that the alarm were sounded, and we are thankful that it issues from a voice that will make itself heard. The book ought to be in the hands of every mother in the country, and some of its suggestions certainly merit the grave heed of the medical profession.

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15. — HOVEY'S *Magazine of Horticulture.* Contributions of WILSON FLAGG. 1853 – 55.

WE have received a volume of Mr. Flagg's Essays on Scenery and Landscape Gardening, published from month to month in Hovey's Magazine. These papers indicate an artist's eye and a poet's susceptibility, careful observation of nature, and familiarity with the canons and models of constructive and ornamental art. Withal, they are written in a highly attractive style, marked by simplicity and *naïveté*, and adapting itself with an easy grace to the theme in hand. We are surprised that a writer so well deserving of notice should be so little known ; and we take pleasure at once in doing him justice, and in directing attention to the valuable and ably edited, yet inadequately patronized journal, to which he is one of the principal contributors.